



## Karolyn W. Thomas

April 19, 1920 - September 15, 2016

Portsmouth – Karolyn W. Thomas, 96, of Portsmouth, a former 37 year resident of White Plains, NY, died peacefully on Thursday, September 15, 2016 at The Edgewood Centre.

She was born April 19, 1920 in Washington, DC a daughter of the late Mary (Walker) Shaw

Raised in Washington, DC she attended public school and then went on to graduate from Howard University and later Hunter College in New York, with her master's degree.

Karolyn first worked for the War Department in DC during World War II, as an administrative assistant. She then moved to Greenburgh, NY and eventually resided in White Plains, NY, where she started her career as an early childhood teacher for the Greenburgh Central 7 School District, retiring after 26 years. During this time she was also the first director of The Head Start Day Care Center in Portchester, NY.

Ms. Thomas was a member of the Westchester County Chapter of Links, Incorporated and with the help of the members she established a book club and fair named "The Karolyn Thomas Reading Club," still in existence today. She was also a member of Delta Sigma Sorority.

Karolyn enjoyed playing bridge and was a member of a duplicate bridge group at the Greenburgh-Fairview Community Center.

She is survived by her grandchildren Cullen T. Debourgknecht of Rye and Caroline E. Debourgknecht of New York, NY.

In addition to her mother, she was predeceased by her daughter Carolyn Laura Thomas-Combs.

At Karolyn's request all services will be private.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Karolyn W. Thomas*

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“ *So sorry for your Loss Cullen and Tina. I truly enjoyed caring for your gramsie 💖*

*Darlene Rowell*

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